

This issue seems pretty simple to me: As long as satellite radio companies broadcast whatever they want, and it's sent nationwide, I don't think they're violating their charter. If they choose to broadcast the dog races at the Archibald, WV County Fair, that's their prerogative as long as they do it nationwide. Even an ongoing service, such as the daily count of the scorpion density in the Mojave Desert, that's their prerogative, as long as they broadcast it nationwide.

As for me, why shouldn't I be able to PAY for an alternative, perhaps superior, traffic service if I so desire? Isn't that the basis of most commerce...if there is something I feel is better and is worth the extra money, shouldn't I be given the option to purchase it?

The whole concept of denying the satellite services of providing a public service such as traffic and weather is anti-competitive and contrary to the "public service, convenience, and necessity" (another charter that I seem to have heard of in the past). It seems to deny the public a service that is certainly a convenience if one is a satellite radio subscriber.